

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/518,642

REMARKS

Applicant adds new claims 17 and 18 which Applicant views as linking claims and would certainly support Applicant's traversal, in part, of the restriction requirement.

With respect to election between Group I and Group II, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, election being without traverse. While Applicant further elects the claims of Group IA, claims 1-17 and 15, election is with traverse.

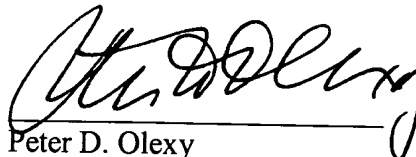
With respect to the Examiner's basis for restriction between Group IA and Group IB in the paragraph bridging pages 2/3 of the Action, Applicant respectfully submits that quite clearly the process claimed could not be practiced by another materially different apparatus nor, given the nature of the material being processed, by hand. That is a major purpose of the present invention, namely to protect the practitioner of the process. With respect to the apparatus as claimed being used to practice another and materially different process, Applicant adds new claims 17 and 18 which quite clearly serve as linking claims which should permit examination of Group I and Group IA together.

Applicant wishes to respectfully point out that the Group IA and Group IB claims have the same function and provide the same result involving the same purpose. Applicant respectfully submits, despite the requirement to further restrict between Group IA and Group IB that the compressible reactor of Group IA and the method of Group IB are properly examined together, especially considering the addition of new claims 17 and 18 which Applicant submits serve as proper "linking" claims.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 17 and 18 are added as new claims.